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## HISTORICAL NOTES.

RHETT.—The following additions and corrections are offered by Col. R. B. Rhett, of Huntsville, Ala., to the Rhett genealogy published in the January and April issues of this magazine :

Robert Barnwell Rhett (244) was born Feb. 5, 1828 ; was Ed. and Prop. of *The Charleston Mercury* from Meh. 1, 1857 to Feb. 17, 1865, and from Oct. 1866 to Oct. 1868 ; Ed. *The Picayune* (New Orleans) from Sept. 19, 1872 to Oct. 22, 1873 ; Ed. *Charleston Journal of Commerce* (Straightout Democratic organ, without Associated Press despatches) from July 3, 1876 to June 1878 ; was a member of the House of Reps. of S. C., 1860-1865 and 1877-1878 ; Lieut.-Col. on the staff of Gov. Means in 1851, and on the staff of Brig.-Gen. R. S. Ripley, C. S. A., in S. Carolina. Married, Oct. 9, 1851, Josephine Horton, who was *b.* March 5, 1830 and *d.* June 26, 1860. (Issue.) Married next, July 9, 1867, Mrs. Harriet (Moore) Barnard, wid. of Jno. D. Barnard and dau. of David Moore and Martha L. Harrison, of Va., who was *b.* May 1, 1834 and *d.* Sept. 19, 1902. (Iss.)

HUTSON.—The following corrections are offered by Prof. C. W. Hutson, of College Station, Texas, to the Hutson genealogical data given on page 225 of Vol. III. of this magazine :

Francis Marion Hutson (iv), *b.* Oct. 26, 1879 ; *d.* March 7, 1888.

Arthur Cary Hutson (v), *b.* April 14, 1882,

Sophy Palmer Hutson (vi)     }  
Mary Lockett Hutson (vii)    }, twins, *b.* July 24, 1884.

Charles Stanyarne Hutson (viii), *b.* May 20, 1887 ; *d.* Jany. 30, 1891.

Albert Lockett Hutson (x), *b.* Dec. 15, 1893.

SMITH.—The following additions are offered to the Smith genealogy published in the July issue of this magazine :

Benjamin Smith (20) was sometime Provincial Grand Mas-

ter of the Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina, as will be seen by the following notice from *The South Carolina Gazette* of Monday, January 4, 1768:

"The feast of St. JOHN the Evangelist falling this year on Sunday, the ancient and respectable society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, were obliged to defer the proper celebration of it to this day—when they assembled as usual, at brother *Dillon's* in the morning ; went to *St. Michael's* church where they heard an excellent discourse on *unity, brotherly love, and universal benevolence*, delivered by the Rev. Brother *Samuel Hart* ; returned to brother *Dillon's*, had an elegant entertainment there; unanimously elected the hon. EGERTON LEIGH, Esq ; provincial Grand-Master, in the room of BENJAMIN SMITH, Esq ; who resigned on account of his health and intending to depart this province, and had the unanimous thanks of all the lodges, for his many and eminent services to the craft ; and spent the remainder of the day in that peculiarly social way which has ever distinguished that society."

The reference on page 145 of Vol. III. of this magazine (Henry Laurens's letter of Feb. 21, 1774 to his son) was to Leigh, who was still Grand Master.

Thomas Loughton Smith (23) was born April 23, 1740. St. Philip's Parish register.) The following account of the burning of his Cooper River house shortly after his death was published in *The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal* of Tuesday, December 13, 1774 :

"On Saturday the 3d Inst. the elegant Seat, called the Retreat, near Cooper-River belonging to estate of the late Thomas Loughton Smith, Esq ; was burnt down by Accident ; but happily no Lives were lost, and all the Furniture was saved."

William Loughton Smith (27) had another child by his second wife: "Elizabeth, who married Major Thomas Osborn Lowndes, and died at the age of 90 or thereabouts."

HAYNE.—In the biographical sketch of Judge Robert Y. Hayne, published on page 262 of the July issue of this magazine the statement is made that he was a son of William Alston Hayne and Julia Dean. That is a mistake. His mother was Margaretta Stiles, of Philadelphia. Julia Dean was the wife of his uncle, Arthur P. Hayne.

THE GEORGETOWN ACADEMY, 1778.—McMaster, in his *History of the People of the United States*, says, Vol. I., page 27 :

"In the southern States education was almost wholly neglected, but nowhere to such an extent as in South Carolina. In that colony, prior to 1730, no such thing as a grammar-school existed. Between 1731 and 1776 there were five. During the Revolution there were none." In his paper *Education in South Carolina Prior to and During the Revolution*, Gen. Edward McCrady has cited numerous cases to disprove the last sentence in that paragraph, but the following paragraph from *The South Carolina and American General Gazette*, of Thursday, August 6, 1778, will furnish additional evidence in refutation of that statement:

"On Thursday the 23d of last month, the Students of the Georgetown Academy were publickly examined, before a very learned and respectable assembly: The performance of the several classes in the course of the examination, was received with the warmest marks of Approbation."